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Application Instructions for a Permit to Conduct Mineral Prospecting In Vermont Waters 10 VSA Section 1021(h)(1)

Recreational mineral prospectors must receive authorization to operate sluice boxes in Vermont streams. Provide the following information and include attachments as necessary. When applying for a permit, please note the following:

- A. Suction dredges, pumps or any other mechanical means of mineral mining on the streambed or banks of any watercourse is prohibited.
- B. No state authorization is required for hand panning.
- C. No mineral prospecting may take place on any streams or lands without permission of the landowners.
- D. Mineral prospecting, with the exception of hand panning, is prohibited within state parks, state forests, state wildlife management areas and any federal lands.
- E. Permit approvals are issued for use from June 1st to October 1st **only**. Submittal of a new application and fee are required each year. Submittal of a new application and fee are required for additional sites and /or landowners requested for approval within the same year.

Application Form Instructions

- 1) Name, mailing address and telephone number of applicant. Applicant's spouse and minor children may be included under one application and approval.
- 2) Name of stream to be affected by the proposed activity.
- 3) Exact location of proposed activity (Town, Village or City and streams). **Attach** USGS topographic map or other map of equal scale, marked to accurately show areas of proposed activities. No map with a lesser scale than 1" = 1 mile (1:62,500) will be accepted.
- 4) Indicate the type of equipment to be utilized; sluice box dimensions.
- 5) Names and mailing addresses of landowners where the proposed activity will occur. This information must be included: copies of approvals are mailed to landowners.
- 6) Residents; \$25.00 non-refundable processing fee (per application). Non-Resident; \$50.00 non-refundable processing fee (per application). Submit check/money order payable to: State of Vermont.
- 7) Date and sign application.

Address inquiries and applications to: WSMD - Rivers Program
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Please Print Clearly and Use Pen

APPLICANT NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE (H) _____ PHONE (W) _____ CELL _____

EMAIL _____

STREAM NAME AND TOWN LOCATION:

☐ **Attach** a copy of USGS topographic map showing the exact location of **each** proposed prospecting site.

EQUIPMENT TYPE: ☐ HAND PAN ☐ SLUICE SLUICE BOX DIMENSIONS _____

****No permit required for Hand Panning only ****

NOTE: 10 V. S. A. SECTION 1021 PROHIBITS THE USE OF SUCTION DREDGES IN ANY WATERCOURSE.

No operation of sluice boxes allowed on either State-owned or Federal-owned land.

LANDOWNER(S) AND MAILING ADDRESS(ES): (Use separate sheet if necessary)

No Mineral Prospecting without Landowner Permission

Non-refundable Fee: Vermont Residents - \$25.00 (per application); Non-Resident - \$50.00 (per application)

Check or money order payable to: State of Vermont

APPLICANT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Note: Application may cover applicant's spouse and minor children.